

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 3593

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.
Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$1,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kh Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS—The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 "
Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [18]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL\$3,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP\$3,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS :
Wm. Keckwick, Esq.—Chairman.
Adolf von Andis, Esq. | F. D. Sassoon, Esq.
Egbert Ivanov, Esq. | H. D. Stewart, Esq.
David McLennan, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE :
The Hon. J. J. Kewick, | The Hon. C. P. Chater.
H. Hopplus, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and
Shanghai.

Agencies—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama;

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [187]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL\$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED\$1,120,000

BANKERS :
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS :—

For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL
COMPANY.

GREAT REDUCTION IN RENT FOR
BED-ROOMS OR OFFICES !

ROOMS to be let, UNFURNISHED or
FURNISHED, from \$1 to \$10 per
Month, including Water and Partial attendance,
but not Gas.

Special reductions would be made to parties
occupying suites of Rooms.

Apply to
F. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1893. [186]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

ON and after the 1st December next,

NO CHITS
will be accepted or credit given in the above
Hotel.

By Order of the Board,
R. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th October, 1893. [185]

NOTICE.

NO CHITS
will be taken in the following Hotels,
"THE VICTORIA HOTEL,"

"THE PEAK HOTEL,"

"THE KOWLOON HOTEL,"

DORABEE NOWROOJE,
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Hongkong, 26th October, 1893. [182]

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1893.

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

WHISKIES.

LIQUEUR WHISKY (SQUARE BOTTLE).
This is one of the finest Whiskies ever imported into China. With Aerated Water, or Hot Water and Sugar, it is simply delicious.—\$12 per case.

SCOTCH.

F.O.S.—A very fine Old Blended Whisky.—\$11 per case.

LOCHABER—A Mellow Old Scotch Whisky with fine flavour.—\$9 per dozen.

GLENMURRIE—A Pure Malt Whisky. Excellent value for the money.—\$7 per dozen.

G.I.N.

OLD TOM—A very fine Sweetened Gin, Bottled expressly for us.—\$5 per dozen.

KEY BRAND—In small White Glass Bottles. The very finest picarable.—\$8 per dozen.

CHARTREUSE, CURACOA, D.O.M., &c.

All previous quotations cancelled. The above prices are calculated for a 2/51 Dollar.

Hongkong, 25th October, 1893. [3]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS

OF

**CONFECTORY
AND
CHRISTMAS GOODS.**

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,

DRAEES, PRALINES,

and a large selection

of

PURE CONFECTORY from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE CREAMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA, and other

FRUIT JELLIES in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS MOUNTED IN PLUSH, representing favourite subjcts.

A Large Assortment of ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS, of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, The Hongkong Dispensary. ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841. Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

BIRTH.

On the 15th October, at Peking, Mrs. OLIVER, wife of Professor OLIVER, of the Imperial College, of a son.

DEATH.

On the 21st October, at Peking, Mrs. OLIVER, wife of Professor OLIVER, of the Imperial College, from pulmonary fever.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1893.

THE OPENING UP OF THE WEST RIVER.

In view of the contemplated opening up of the West River to foreign trade we understand a company has been formed in Canton with Chinese capital to build a fleet of suitable boats for the trade between Canton and Wuchow-foo, and that already an agent has been commissioned to proceed home to secure plans and estimates from the principal shipbuilders in Great Britain. The steamers which the company propose to build are of the stern wheel class in order to secure light draught for the safe and convenient navigation of

the narrow and shallow creeks which lead from Canton into the West River.

The reputed moving spirit in this enterprise was once well known in Hongkong as the right-hand man of Admiral Fono and old residents will readily recognise in him Mr. Li Lix Qu, once interpreter in the Supreme Court and around whose name a cloud of notoriety arose as to his alleged connection with kidnapping cases in which wealthy Chinese merchants of Hongkong were removed to Canton, there to be flogged by the Official by whom he was employed. After the death of Admiral Fono Mr. Li, from his connection with Chinese official circles, obtained the monopoly of running steam launches on the West River and this has been going on without let or hindrance for the last three years. At the present moment the fleet of launches under his control numbers at least thirty, all of a large size and capable of carrying a considerable number of passengers in addition to a fair quantity of cargo. Their principal revenue, however, is derived by towing junks from Canton through the surrounding creeks. These launches all fly the Chinese "mandarin" flag, and have a free pass for all barrier stations between Canton and Wuchow-foo. The profits derived from this trade, from sharing in which foreigners have been debarraged, have apparently been sufficient for the owner to inaugurate a line of large steamers, and be the first in the field with suitable vessels to oppose foreign ship-owners as soon as the latter are allowed to trade there and in a business with which he is already intimately acquainted and over which he at the present moment holds entire control. This large steam launch trade has been carried on openly from Canton for some three years yet no remonstrance has apparently ever been made by the Foreign Ministers to get the same privilege conceded to Foreign-owned launches as that enjoyed by the "Li" line.

We have every reason to believe that the petition sent in by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce to Lord Rosebery signed by the Hon. J. J. Keswick, and dated 31st July last, will have the desired effect of getting the West River opened up to Foreign trade as far as Wuchow in Kwangsi, but at the same time it is a great pity such a body as the Chamber of Commerce should have shewn so dense an amount of geographical ignorance as that displayed in this letter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs who was asked "to press upon the Chinese Government the necessity of opening up the upper branch of the Chukiang, or Pearl River, known as the Si-kang or West River &c." while a glance at the local charts would at once have revealed the fact that the Pearl River and the West River are not connected. The navigation of the West River, up as far as Wuchow, is simple enough, but at the same time it must not be forgotten that the entrance to the West River is near Macao and not by the Bogue Forts. The question which intending steamship owners on the West River have to consider is, what class of boat is most suitable if the trade is to be carried on via Canton — in our opinion, it must be.

In a letter over the initials "J. A." and which appeared in this journal in June, 1892, descriptive of a trip from Canton to Wuchow, the writer deals with the subject very fully and his views are well worth the consideration of those interested in the opening up of the new trade. The only available channel from Canton into the West River is by way of the mouth of what is known as the Fatshan Creek, below the Canton Cemetery, via the Brick Kiln Creek and entering the West River at Kum-chuk. In many places, however, these creeks are very narrow and at low water they will admit of a draught of only three feet. And without doubt the new Company, reported to be under the management of Mr. Li, has decided upon the right class of steamer, and if European owners do not give their immediate attention they will be left in the cold when the time for competition arrives.

ACCORDING to the a Northern exchange news in the Metropolitan provinces are driving a great number of refugees late the cities and towns. One day early last month, a band of over 2,000 distressed people, headed by about 100 of the gentry from the district of Hekou-fu, entered Peking by the Yan Nan-gan Gate to demand relief from the City authorities who found a shelter for the starving crowd in various temples. Rice and coconuts were distributed and it was hoped they would "move on" in a day or two; but instead of getting rid of their welcome guests, the city officials had next day to provide for many hundreds more from Sin-chen-hien, and at least advised they were still arriving at the capital in quest of food and assistance, leaving the country they passed over bare of all vegetables which they pulled up and cooked to appease their hunger. The capital is full of such undesirable visitors, and if some steps are not taken to help them and send them back to their homes again, there will probably be trouble with them during the winter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

DAWSON'S WHISKY.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gastel*, with msis, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 2nd inst.

AN AMERICAN philosopher has laid it down that a person who affects gaudy ties is favorably something of a neck romancer.

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY recommends itself as the most wholesome beverage in the market.

THE MISSION STEAM-LAUNCH *Doy Spring*, will call alongside vessels holding code pendant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

THE Japanese cruiser *Yoshino*, which sailed from England for the East not long since, is described as having a very powerful armament, to be a splendid looking craft, and to be the fastest in the world.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S royal mail steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Shanghai yesterday at 9.30 p.m., and will leave again to-night at 9 o'clock for this port, where she may be expected to arrive at about 9 a.m. on the 7th inst.

AT the Magistracy to-day, it cost a "mooning" sailor named Johann Wilhelm Sonderlund, one Mexican dollar to disprove a charge of spying into the forbidden secrets of the a la Ly-ee-moon Fort which was preferred against him by the police.

THE *Straits Times* understands that it is proposed to increase both the letter and newspaper rates of postage from Singapore to all parts of the world, from the 1st of January next. The increase in each instance will be held, be about fifty per cent. on the present rates.

WE are pleased to learn that Mr. C. F. Smith, son of Mr. Henry Smith who is so well known as having been identified with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for a great number of years, successfully passed his final examination as a marine engineer to-day.

CHINESE vernacular newspapers report that a recently wealthy native of Canton named Tsai Hui-ching, and who has spent a long time in various parts of Manchuria, has been invited by the Viceroy Li Hong-chang to proceed to Tientsin to organize plans for the opening of mines in Hsia-kuang-kang, Kien and Fengtien.

IF there is only the proverbial grain of truth in what Dame Rumour says, the smoking concert to be held under the auspices of the Smoking Concert Club in the Theatre Royal, this evening, will prove a phenomenal success. The Chair will be taken by Mr. A. J. Leach, Q.C., at 9.15 p.m., and visitors' tickets may be had, subject to the regulations, from any of the Committee.

WRITING under date 27th ult., the Nanking correspondent of the *Mercury* says:—Central Anhwei has suffered no less than other parts of the country from this year's unprecedented invasion of malaria fever. Both Foreign and Native dispensaries have been busy. It has been difficult to keep up the stock of quinine. In Chu-chow city, where your correspondent is at present located, the applicants are of the poor peasant class, and the orthodox dose of the "bitter" medicine has again and again been baffled by the irresistible rising of this malignant monster.

SONG notion of the enormous consumption of beer in the civilised countries of the world may, observes a home paper, be gained from the fact that last year no less than three thousand million gallons of beer were imbibed in Europe alone. Germany, of course, headed the list of consumers with 1,051,000,000 gallons; Great Britain being a good second with 85,000,000; third came Austria with 300,000,000 gallons, while France and Belgium were "brackets" fourth with 250,000,000 apiece. Denmark "falls" the list with a miserable 145,000 gallons.

THUS the Singapore *Press*—The long-promised report concerning the liquidation of the New Oriental Banking Corporation has not yet been issued. It has been ascertained, however, that the total dividend to creditors will scarcely reach 12% in the £. From the latest advice it seems that the total loss sustained will amount to the great figure of £2,400,000, made up as follows:—1. In the £ on the claims of £4,400,000, £1,160,000 shareholders' capital, £606,000; rest £1,693,000. That such a loss could have been sustained in realising assets of the value of £8,000,000 appears almost incredible.

A NORTHERN contemporary reports that the Chinese authorities at Nanjing have made what they regard as an important capture on the 9th ult., when a man named Li Shing, who had long been wanted by the officials of Pushe and Anhwei, was arrested. The prisoner, who had long been hiding in the mountains and woods of Tsin-tung, was captured by a lieutenant and a body of soldiers from Wu-hu. He was brought before the Wu-hu Taelit, sitting with a number of other officials for examination, when, according to native reports, he admitted that he was one of the chiefs of the organisation, having been concerned with Mason in the purchase of arms for raising a rebellion in Hsien-pu in 1891. He gave a lot of other information as to the internal working of the society, past, words etc. The prisoner, who is about 30 years of age, is a native of Hsien-pu.

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"WHERE WILL YE EVER SEE MEN SO HAPPY AS THEM WHO LIKE TO TASTE THE DRAPPE!"—of Dawson's Whisky.

SHAKESPEARE improved upon. All the world's misery and all the numerous doctors merely usher—both ways.

DURING the voyage of the steamer *Activi*, from Holbow to Hongkong, the key of the treasure room is said to have been stolen from the room of one of the officers and some \$400 annexed.

WE observe that the United States Consulate at this port has been removed from Seaview Terrace to "Braeburn," Glenelg; the late Mr. J. S. Lepakis's private residence for a number of years.

WE have received from Messrs. H. E. Bottewall and Co., the local agent, two elegant show cards which the manufacturers of the famous Singer's sewing machines are just now distributing.

THE COOLES reported in last night's issue to have been severely wounded by a Sikh constable on the 2nd inst., is now in a serious condition in the Civil Hospital, and to be suffering from dysentery.

WE are advised by the Secretary of the Punjab Mining Co. of the receipt of a telegram from the mines to the effect that the mill ran 21 days during October, crushing 450 tons giving a yield of 600 ounces of gold.

THE MURDER case which came on before Mr. Hastings at the Magistracy yesterday, was concluded to-day. The first defendant was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, the second to three months' and the third was discharged.

AN ACCOUNTANT named Chung Chan was to-day committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions by Mr. Hastings for the alleged embezzlement of \$400. Mr. C. D. Wilkins prosecuted on behalf of Tsai Chie, the complainant, who is a coot merchant on Praya West.

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ALL our sporting readers, and indeed the public will learn with keen regret of the loss which Mr. D. E. Sassoon has sustained through the death of his famous race-pony Hero, who died suddenly at Shanghai to-day. A full account of Hero's brilliant record will appear in Monday's *Telegraph*.

WIFE—I heard you tell Mr. Jones in the library that a single kiss cost you \$20. I demand, sir—Husband—Oh, don't be alarmed. It was a professional game of billiards at the Club. Wife—Oh! And she thinks "How could I have been so stupid?" and he, "By the gods! that was a genuine inspiration!"

WE learn that an understanding has been arrived at between the owners of the steamship *Banton* and *Amigo*. It will be remembered that the latter vessel was run into and sunk by the *Banton* in Hongkong Harbour some months ago and that this vessel has been advertised for sale by the Colonial Court of Admiralty; the sale, however, will not now take place.

THE *Hupao* has committed to print its congratulations to a lady of Tengkuan, Kuangtung, for having recently given birth to four lusty boys, and thus meritoriously adding to the population of the empire. The lady in question is the wife of a member of the gentry of the above named city and the sister of a high court dignitary at Peking. The polat of this para. is painfully patient.

ALL who have travelled in the Pacific Mail Company's steamship *Peru* will learn with regret that Mr. J. H. Maher, the popular parson of that boat, is so seriously ill as to render it necessary for him to remain behind in Hongkong for medical treatment. The *Peru* sailed this afternoon. The unvarying courtesy shown by Mr. Maher to passengers travelling by the line has won for him many friends who will be glad to learn of his speedy recovery.

THE vernacular *Siuwanpo* reports that Li Hong-chang, Brigadier-General designate of Tsin-tung, Shanxi, has appointed General Nieh Shih-cheng, Brigadier-General designate of Tsin-tung, Shanxi, to make a tour of inspection along the Russo-Chinese frontier belonging to the Manchurian provinces. General Nieh started overland on his tour on the 24th instant, accompanied by a bodyguard and a suite of some thirty officers and servants, and as bade good-bye to that day by a large number of the Tientsin local mandarins.

A JAPANESE Buddhist priest, who attended as representative, has been saying some pointed things at the World's Parliament of Religion, recently held in Chicago. We read that he quietly put the company into possession of a few modest facts, such as last year's prohibition for bidding his countrymen from settling in one of the American territories, the San Francisco regulation disqualifying Japanese children from attending the public schools there, the processions through certain Western towns bearing the words, "The Japs must go," and the friendly custom adopted by some Christian dwellers in Japan of placing before their houses the notice, "No Japanese allowed to enter here." The speaker then thanked America for sending missionaries to his benighted land, but asked tolerance for a people who were "embarrassed by the sweet and warm liquid of the leaven of Christianity."

THE N. C. *Daily News* translates the following from a native paper:—It is reported that, so far, the salvaged cargo up to the *Clifford Mill* at Yangtsepo, has realised only a few thousand taels when sold to some native cloth dealers, and that officials enquire up to date have laid the entire blame on the mill authorities. There is also some talk that the Yang mill will have to spend a considerable sum of money to save the younger brother's official rank, the money being intended to be used for the repair of the mill. It is also mentioned that the Yang mill will be realised out of the profits for a new *Clifford Mill*. This is owing to the fact that there is still some new machinery from Europe which has not yet been unpacked, but which will be placed in position in connection with some more to be ordered out in the near future. It is intended that everything shall be re-commenced on a small scale, waiting for time and opportunity for greater development. If this plan be followed, the "aid of the accident" as the Chinese say, will be greatly mitigated in the eyes of the high dignitaries at Tientsin and Peking.

AT the Magistracy to-day, a morphine injector was fined \$25 by Mr. Wodehouse.

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY is not sold under any fictitious name, or branch.

MANY AN IMPENITENT man-to-day wishes he had not turned his gold and silver into bars.

Mr. Uto's gr. Sang-ford, 11st. 1lb... Mr. Midwood 3
Mr. Josser's gr. Scallywag, 10st. 1lb... Mr. C. R. Burkhill
Mr. John Gilpin's gr. Silver Spray, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Crawford
Mr. Sassoone's dun Pioneer, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Dallas o
Mr. Gustav's gr. Tren, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Machado o

The start was a good one for the seven ponies and they remained all in a cluster till passing the Loong-fong gate, when Pioneer took the lead with Sang-ford close up to him. At the 8 miles Sang-ford was leading with Hellios second, and then Hellios took first place, Freedom second and Sang-ford third. Coming in, Freedom was first, Hellios second, Sang-ford third, a long distance separating the remaining ponies from the leaders. Time amic. 44¹/₂ sec.

Part Mutual—Hellios 140, Freedom 55, Pioneer 35, Sang-ford 31, Tren 13, Silver Spray 11—Total 285—\$1 45.

The MAUO PLATE, value, Tls. 100; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance Tls. 5. Half-a-mile.

Mr. Trebaun's br. Breezing, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Jones o

Mr. Sassoone's br. Mighty, 1st. 1lb... Owner: Mr. John Peel's gr. Merry Thought, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Reynell 3

Mr. Dreux's br. Chiquita, 10st. 1lb... Mr. Sampson o

Mr. John Peel's bay Sportsman, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Taylor o

Mr. Fernando's pie. Buccaneer, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Midwood o

Mr. Frank's ch. Royal Time, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Sampson o

Mr. Sassoone's gr. Scorch, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Machado o

Mr. Sassoone's br. Hollyhock, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Dallas o

Mr. Ring's gr. Lurel, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Meyerling o

Mr. Trebaun's br. Bixland, 10st. 1lb... Mr. Read o

Mr. Empy's blk. Tremont, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Allan o

Mr. Buxey's br. Islander, 10st. 1lb... Mr. Crawford o

Mr. Twobee's bay Imperialist, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Knott o

No less than fourteen ponies started in this race. There was considerable difficulty in getting the field away but when the ponies did go, they went away together, a splendid race ensuing so that it was difficult to distinguish the animals. Mighty, apparently, was leading, followed by Buccaneer and Breezing. The latter pony eventually took the lead and won by a short distance from Mighty, Merry Thought third, Tim 59¹/₂.

Part Mutual—Brigand 68, Merry Thought

22, Mighty 40, Scorch 26, Hollyhock 27, Chiquita 16, Buccaneer 11, Breezing 11, Royal

Time 9, Islander 7, Tremont 5, Laurel 3, The Field 1—Total 285—\$1 45.

The CLUB CUP, value, Tls. 150; second pony to receive the entrance fees; for China ponies, weight for inches as per scale; gratings at date of entry allowed 7lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. Two miles.

Mr. Trebaun's dun Revill, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Read o

Mr. Jon Peel's gr. Vagrant, 10st. 1lb... Mr. Reynell 2

Mr. Sassoone's ch. Lightning, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Dallas 3

Mr. John Gilpin's gr. Kettledrum, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Allan o

Mr. Redfern's gr. Smuggler, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Sampson o

Mr. Buxey's gr. Home Guard, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Crawford o

Mr. Buxey's gr. Boldheart, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Midwood o

Seven ponies were off to a capital start and Lightning soon took the lead followed by Bovill and Vagrant, the last two being close together. At the Grand Stand Boldheart was fourth, Kettledrum last. At the Monument, Bovill was leading with Lightning second, but Vagrant came up and the two paces changed places, and followed Bovill in that order. Time 4min 23¹/₂ sec.

Part Mutual—Bovill 138, Vagrant 65, Kettledrum 28, Lightning 18, Smuggler 13, Kettledrum 6, Boldheart 3—Total 271—\$1 355.

The WHANGPO STAKES; a sweepstakes of Tls. 100 to each; for China ponies being hand-fed grain at date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race 7 lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

Mr. Robson's gr. Touchstone, 10st. 1lb... Mr. Read 1

Mr. Toeg's gr. Volga, 10st. 1lb... Mr. Midwood 3

Mr. Ring's ch. Arion, 10st. 1lb... Mr. Meyerling 3

Mr. Mustard's gr. Scowring, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Sampson o

Mr. Graham's blk. roan Melbourne, 1st. 1lb... Mr. Jones o

Mr. Sassoone's gr. Figaro, 10st. 1lb... Mr. Dallas o

Six ponies got away to a good start and Melborne came to the front but could not keep the lead, and Scowring looked like having a good show. Later on Touchstone took the lead and kept it to the finish, Volga being second and Arion third.—Time, min. 23¹/₂.

Part Mutual—Touchstone 99, Arion 91,

Figaro 47, Volga 22, Sovereign 7, Melbourne 7—Total 273—\$1 365—Condensed from N. C. Daily News.

BRITISH POLICY IN THE EAST.

The British Government can scarcely be considered upon the line of policy which it has, in the past twenty years, adopted towards China. An absurd attitude of conciliation and trickery has been substituted for the equally vicious one of the "gunboats," as if the British statesmen of those times would wipe out, by doing penance, the sins of their predecessors of a stronger generation who believed in treating all Oriental nations in the manner that to-day seems only reserved for the unfortunate African. The absurdity of the pitch to which this mistaken policy is carried in this country is strikingly exemplified by two recent instances of misplaced kindness and grandmotherly spirit of modern British legislation towards China and the Chinese. The first is the fatal blunder which Britain has committed in allowing the tribute-bearing Mission from Burma to proceed to China. Burma is now formally incorporated as a part and parcel of the British Empire, yet here we have a certain number of Burmese chiefs and priests proceeding to Peking with presents to lay at the foot of the Dragon Throne—in token of what? O! the folly of their country to China! It can mean nothing else in Chinese eyes, whatever British statesmen may think of it. The Mission goes with the full compliance of the British Government, and though it consists solely of Burmese, it is difficult to dissociate from it the idea that a portion of the British empire acknowledges another sovereignty beside the Queen. Locked at from our own standpoint, it probably has no more real political significance than have the annual pilgrimages of English or Irish Roman Catholics to St. Peter's at Rome; but in the present case the fact must not be lost sight of that we are dealing with an Oriental nation which cannot understand or will not rightly comprehend the subtleties of the reasoning of British statesmen which permits them sanctioning a tribute mission from Burma to China. The arrangement is not a matter of bought in the usual variety," death from mis-

adventure, and no one thought anything more about it. I, and I alone, saw the crime committed, and it was a little irritating to have to stop here and hold my peace while twelve good men and true were talking rubbish in the town. Whether the woman married her admirer I know not; but if she did fancy she must have some unpleasant moments every now and again.

"Some weeks elapsed and then rather a humorous incident occurred. A gentleman engaged in the light and remunerative pursuit of picking pockets found himself detected and made a bolt for it. By dint of dodging he managed to evade his pursuers, and then, seizing a favourable opportunity, he made for the beach and slipped inside me, with the intention, I suppose, of waiting until the coast was clear and then quietly making his escape. He imagined that the machine he entered was not in use, but it was. A stout lady of swelling and opulent charms was in a struggle with the breakers and so intent was she on her task that she didn't observe the stranger sneak into my interior. He had scarcely gone inside, however, when Madame gave up her contest with the watery element and waddled to her dressing-b'x. Up the steps she went, blowing and spluttering, and when she reached the top she uttered a cry of horror and ran on the sand with considerable force. Several persons rushed to her assistance, but she was so agitated that he could not express coherently that she had seen a strange man sitting on her petticoats and contemplating with a fixed and stony stare her stockings and things which were neatly arranged on one of the seats. The good Sama-tans led the distressed lady to her machine, but when she got there the door was fastened inside, and entrance was rendered impossible. Madame swooned and people hastened at the doors, but the light-fingered gentleman inside headed them off. He sat still and laughed. The situation was awkward. There, on one side, was the stout lady, shivering and minus her clothes and on the other a locked and barred bathing machine in possession of a resolute man. After a time the local constable was fetched, the door burst, and the man was seized, the door burst, and the man was seized and conveyed away in custody. But when Madame was restored to her garments she was in a terrible condition, as you can imagine, and you may take my word for it she didn't bathe again in a bath.

"This reminds me of a somewhat similar, but more exciting occurrence, of which I was again a witness. I had been on the beach and clifts a very pretty girl with red-gold hair, and I had also observed that wherever she wandered a strange, wild-eyed and shabbily dressed man was, like Mary's little lamb, sure to go. He dodged her steps ev'rywhere. This went on for some time until one fine morning the lady patronised me and I had an opportunity of examining her at closer quarters. Distance in this case off; I had any extra enchantment to the view. A more lovely figure I shall never hope to see. As she stood at the doorway contemplating the tumbling waves and clad in her dainty lace-trimmed bathing dress she made a charming picture. Well, she went in and swam out some distance and then a strange thing happened. With surprising agility the wild-eyed man slipped unobserved inside me and concealed himself behind the door. There he remained quiet and immovable, his eyes gleaming unceasingly and his hand fidgeting uneasily with something concealed in the inside pocket of his coat.

"I was wondering what was going to happen when Venus returned to her dressing-box, sprang lightly up the steps, entered and closed the door behind her. Then she grew ghastly pale, and with great self-possession made for the other door. But the intruder placed himself before it, and, drawing a revolver, told her that if she uttered a sound he would shoot her first and himself afterwards, but that she remained quite quiet and listened to what he had to say he would not harm a hair of her head. The poor girl, frightened and shivering, sank on a seat, dragging her clothes after her. Then the maniac—for mad he unquestionably was—poured forth a long string of love-sick nonsense, fell on his knees, and then swore that he would have a kiss, and made as if he would clasp the girl in his arms. In order to do this he laid the revolver on the seat, and quick as thought—by Jove, I did envy and admire her pluck—the girl seized it, and pulled the trigger. The bullet went through my side, fortunately without injuring anyone, but the madman was so taken by surprise that he flung open the door and instinctively fled. Then, overcome by the horror of the situation, the girl fainted. I heard afterwards that the awful ten minutes she had passed through so affected her brain that she had to be confined in a private asylum, and that the mere mention of the sea always makes her dangerously violent.

"Ah, I see you are looking at your watch—funcheon, eh? Well, I won't detain you a moment. Just one more little story while I'm in the vein, and then I've done. There was an elderly and wealthy Chinese who was greatly enamoured of a lady whose figure was the envy of the women folk here and the admiration of the men. The aged one was madly in love, and the lady, who had made inquiries about his basking account, possessed a decided anxiety to hood the venerable millionaire. When two persons are of one mind on so important a question it is not often that some arrangement satisfactory to both is not arrived at. In this case, however, the unexpected happened, and the two parted with particular celerity and in different directions.

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"If you have just two seconds more to give me I can tell you—"

"No thanks," I answered hurriedly, as I rose to go, "what you have related is enough to go on with," and then I added, as I waved adieu to my battered friend, "I may as well mention that I'm a bit of a liar myself."

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Barometer	30.02	30.14
Thermometer	73	
Hygrometer	70	
Thermometer (Wet bulb)	67	
Thermometer (1 P.M.) (dry)	67	
Thermometer (2 P.M.) (dry)	66	
Thermometer (Midnight) (over night)	73	

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